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SUBJ: LOCAL POLITICS: KYPRIANOU ASKS U.S. TO SAY WE'RE NOT MAD AT HIM

1. ON AUGUST 9, DEMOCRATIC FRONT LEADER SPYROS KYPRIANOU CALLED CHARGE TO INDICATE CONCERN ABOUT A LOCAL NEWSPAPER ALLEGATION THAT USG COULD NOT WORK WITH KYPRIANOU IF HE BECAME PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. ARTICLE ATTRIBUTED U.S. OPPOSITION TO INCIDENT AT UN IN OCTOBER, 1971 WHEN KYPRIANOU VOTED AGAINST U.S. (AND WHAT MAKARIOS HAD ASSURED US WAS GOC INSTRUCTIONS) ON A CHINA VOTE. HE FELT HE HAD TO RESPOND BUT SUGGESTED IT WOULD HELP IF EMBASSY COULD ISSUE A STATEMENT
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THAT "REGARDING RECENT NEWSPAPER STORIES, THE U.S. DID NOT

WISH TO BE INVOLVED IN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS IN CYPRUS."

2. CHARGE ASSURED KYPRIANOU THAT USG HAS NO INTENTION OF BECOMING INVOLVED IN ANY WAY IN FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE EMBASSY COULD NOT ISSUE A STATEMENT -- EVEN ALONG THE LINES OF KYPRIANOU'S SUGGESTION -- BECAUSE TO DO SO MIGHT BE VIEWED AS INDIRECT ADMISSION THAT THERE WAS SOME VALIDITY IN NEWSPAPER STORY. SINCE IT IS EMBASSY POLICY NOT TO COMMENT ON INACCURATE CYPRUS PRESS REPORTS ABOUT US POLICY OR ACTIONS; IT WOULD TAKE ON UNDUE SIGNIFICANCE IF WE STARTED WITH THIS ONE. IN THE END KYPRIANOU RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED EMBASSY POSITON.

3. COMMENT: KYPRIANOU HAS BEEN TROUBLED ABOUT THE CHINA VOTE INCIDENT FOR SOME TIME. ON JUNE 22 SHORTLY AFTER HIS RE-ENTRY INTO LOCAL POLITICS, HE MADE AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD SUFFER THROUGH A LONG DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION OF THE INCIDENT. HE HAS MENTIONED IT ON SEVERAL SUBSEQUENT OCCASIONS TO OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS. WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF AT SOME POINT HE MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE ISSUE REFERRING TO THE FACT THAT HE HAS DISCUSSED THE CHINA VOTE WITH U.S. OFFICIALS WHO HAVE ASSURED HIM THAT WE ARE NOT HOLDING THE INCIDENT AGAINST HIM THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS WHOLE AFFAIR IS THAT KYPRIANOU IS BEING ACCUSED ON BEING TOO FAR TO THE LEFT IN HIS EFFORT TO GET THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNIST AKEL PARTY AND THE "SOCIALIST" EDEK PARTY.
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